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"Women share with men the need for personal success, even the taste for power, and no longer are we willing to satisfy those needs through the achievements of surrogates, whether husbands, children or merely role models."

Elizabeth Dole

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*The Hispanic Bar Association
of New Jersey
The Hispanic National Bar Association
New Jersey Region
and
The Hispanic National Bar Association
Law Student Division - Region II*

cordially invite you to the

1998 LATINA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

at

Essex County Community College
303 University Avenue
The Yellow Area
Newark, New Jersey

Saturday, April 25, 1998
8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

8:15 - 9:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:15 **Opening Remarks**

Marco Gonzalez, Esq. President,
Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey

9:15 - 10:35 **Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence is an epidemic in our society and is unfortunately prevalent in all communities. It affects our women, men and children. Our focus will be on identifying the signs of domestic violence and discussing ways of assisting victims on ending these cycles of abuse as well as resources available in our community.

Moderator: Michele Soto, Esq.

Panelists: Marco Gonzalez, Esq.
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Mariateresa Bitar, MD., OB/GYN.
Faculty Staff St. Joseph Hospital
Attending Physician St. Michael's Hospital

9:15 - 10:35 **Family and Medical Leave**

Medical or family situations can create conflict for women in the workplace who need to take time off from work to care for themselves or a family member. Our focus will be on identifying the legal rights to take family and medical leave under federal and state leave laws and the rights to return to work at the conclusion of such leave.

Moderator: Christina Silva Lee, Esq.

Panelists: Kyle M. Francis, Esq.
 Francis, Lenzo & Manshel, LLC.

Derlys Maria Gutierrez, Esq.
Human Resources Specialist
Passaic Public Schools

9:15 - 10:35 **Career Mentor Workshop**

This workshop is intended to provide students with guidance in cover letter and resume writing, as well as job searching techniques. The panelists will also address job opportunities and available mentor programs in New Jersey.

Moderator: Teresa Vicente

Panelists: Carmen Flores, Affirmative Action Officer
 State of New Jersey Administrative Office of
 the Courts

Maria Esther Hernandez, Esq.
Law Office of Felix Montalvo

Sharon Hardy
Associate Director, Public Interest Coordinator
Seton Hall University School of Law

10:45 - 12:05 **Drug Substance Abuse**

Recovery from alcoholism and chemical dependencies begins with renewed strength, hope, and health. This seminar will address the legal issues of drug and substance abuse and will inform the audience about the existing rehabilitation programs that are accessible to the community. The participants will learn about the outpatient program, the long and short term programs, the youth program and the prevention program.

Moderator: Illeana J. Montes-Guadagnino, Esq.

Panelists: Rafael Gomez, Esq.
 Criminal Defense Attorney

Ramon Mejia, Intake Coordinator,
Community United for the Habilitation of the
Addicted (CURA)

10:45 - 12:05 **Latina Ground Breakers**

In many arenas, Latina women have been ground breakers. We must share the experience the successes and the uphill struggles in order to understand where there should be a following.

Moderator: Sandra Tataje, Esq.

Panelists: Griselle Camacho-Pagan, Esq.,
 Regional President,
 Hispanic National Bar Association

Judy Olivero, Esq., General Counsel
Toshiba America Consumer Products Inc.

Marianne Espinosa Murphy, Esq.
Tompkins, McGuire & Wachenfield

12:15 - 1:30 **Women's Health care**

A key component of success is our ability to juggle our multi-faceted responsibilities as mothers, wives, mentors and professionals with good health. Through a presentation by Maria Bitar, we intend to offer all conference participants an opportunity to learn more about the issues surrounding women's Health care.

Moderator: Carol Gonzalez

Panelist: Mariateresa Bitar, MD., OB/GYN.
 Faculty Staff St. Joseph Hospital
 Attending Physician St. Michael's Hospital

1:30 - 3:00 **Luncheon & Keynote Speaker**

Ivelisse Torres, Esq.
New Jersey Public Defender

Closing Remarks